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TAGS: EAGR, FAO

SUBJECT: FAO: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON U.S. EXPORTS OF
COURSE GRAIN AND RICE

REF: A) STATE 014825

B) ROME 0914

C) FASTO CIR 34

D) FASTO CIR 36

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1. MRS. BINDER OF FAO EARLY WARNING SYSTEM AND HER STAFF
DEEPLY APPRECIATE INFORMATION PROVIDED REF A WHICH ARRIVED
IN TIME TO BE INCORPORATED WITH OTHER STATISTICS WITHOUT
DELAYING OPERATION. FAO HAD ALSO ASKED FOR ANY LATE INFORMATION
AVAILABLE ON CROP ESTIMAGES AND WITH ASSISTANCE OF AGRICULTURAL
ATTACHE WE PROVIDED FAO REFS C AND D.

2. WE ARE SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSED AT HAVING PRESSED FOR EARLY
WASHINGTON RESPONSE IN REF B WHEN IN FACT WASHINGTON RESPONSE
WAS ALREADY ON ITS WAY, AND REFS A AND B CROSSED. WE HAD
UNDERSTOOD INFORMALLY THAT TELEGRAM WAS EXPECTED TO BE SENT
EARLIER, AND FEARED IT HAD BEEN HELD UP FOR UNFORESEEN REASONS.

3. WE APPRECIATE FACT THAT THIS EARLY WARNING SYSTEM
OPERATION IS IMPOSING HEAVY BURDEN ON U.S. GOVERNMENT IN
FREQUENT UPDATING OF COMPREHENSIVE STATISTICS AND OF DEFINING
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PRECISELY SHIPMENTS AND COMMITMENTS. DEADLINE OF 13 DAYS

THIS TIME WAS UNDULY SHORT.

4. ANTICIPATING FUTURE RECURRENCES OF SUCH TIMING PROBLEMS, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO ASKED MRS. BINDER TO INDICATE, IF SHE COULD, WHAT THE FUTURE TIMING WOULD BE OF SUCH REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION. SHE SAID THAT MEETINGS OF INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL'S SUBCOMMITTEE, WHICH PROVIDES DATA ON WHEAT, ARE DETERMINING FACTOR IN SETTING TIME FOR UPDATING. WHEAT COUNCIL HAS NOT YET SET DATE FOR ITS FEBRUARY MEETING, BUT SHE ANTICIPATES IT WILL BE ABOUT ONE MONTH FROM JANUARY MEETING, I.E., FEBRUARY 20, AND THAT MEETINGS WILL PROCEED THEREAFTER FOR SOME TIME ON MONTHLY BASIS. MRS. BINDER EXPECTS TO INFORM U.S. GOVERNMENT WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS.VOLPE

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